

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Regent James O. Hansen, a member of the South Dakota Board of Regents since 1995, will leave the Board of Regents later this month, after serving 18 years, one of the longest records of service by any Regent; and,

Whereas, Regent Hansen has established a remarkable record of leadership in public education during his more than 60 years of service to the South Dakota K-12 and higher education systems; and,

Whereas, As a former teacher, coach, and superintendent of schools at Philip, Wessington, Gregory, and Madison, he guided the future success of countless students; and,

Whereas, Regent Hansen went on to shape statewide education policy as State Superintendent of Schools and as secretary of the South Dakota Department of Education and Cultural Affairs in the cabinets of Governor William J. Janklow and Governor George S. Mickelson; and,

Whereas, Regent Hansen has been a strong advocate for rigorous academic standards in all facets of education, ensuring that students are college and career ready; and,

Whereas, During Regent Hansen's time on the Board of Regents, he promoted policies to limit the number of credits needed to graduate and to hold the line on tuition costs, thereby ensuring higher education remained affordable for many students; and,

Whereas, Regent Hansen's dedication to public service in South Dakota will continue, as he fulfills his appointments to the Capitol Complex Restoration and Beautification Commission and to the Board of Trustees for the South Dakota Retirement System; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to honor this outstanding South Dakotan for his extraordinary service to our state, and to congratulate Regent Hansen as colleagues, family, and friends gather on April 3, 2013, to celebrate the occasion:


Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 3, 2013, as

REGENT JAMES O. HANSEN DAY


in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.


Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:


Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State